

REMARKS

The Notice of Allowability dated February 4, 2008, and the Supplemental Notice of Allowability dated February 29, 2008, have been received and carefully considered. In this submission, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to provide claim term consistency and thereby insure proper antecedent basis. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendments to claims 1 and 9 is respectfully requested.

Please note that the Examiner agreed, via a telephonic communication to the undersigned on April 23, 2008, to enter these amendments, while maintaining the allowed status of the present application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application remains in condition for allowance, and thus this submission is accompanied by an Issue Fee payment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

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